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To

Colonel Thomas Archer Jones

First Distinguished Graduate of the Class of 1898, and

Professor of Engineering

at the Virginia Military Institute since 1905,

as a slight mark of the esteem and respect of the corps of cadets,

and in recognition of his faithful labor in the Department

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is respectfully dedicated by the

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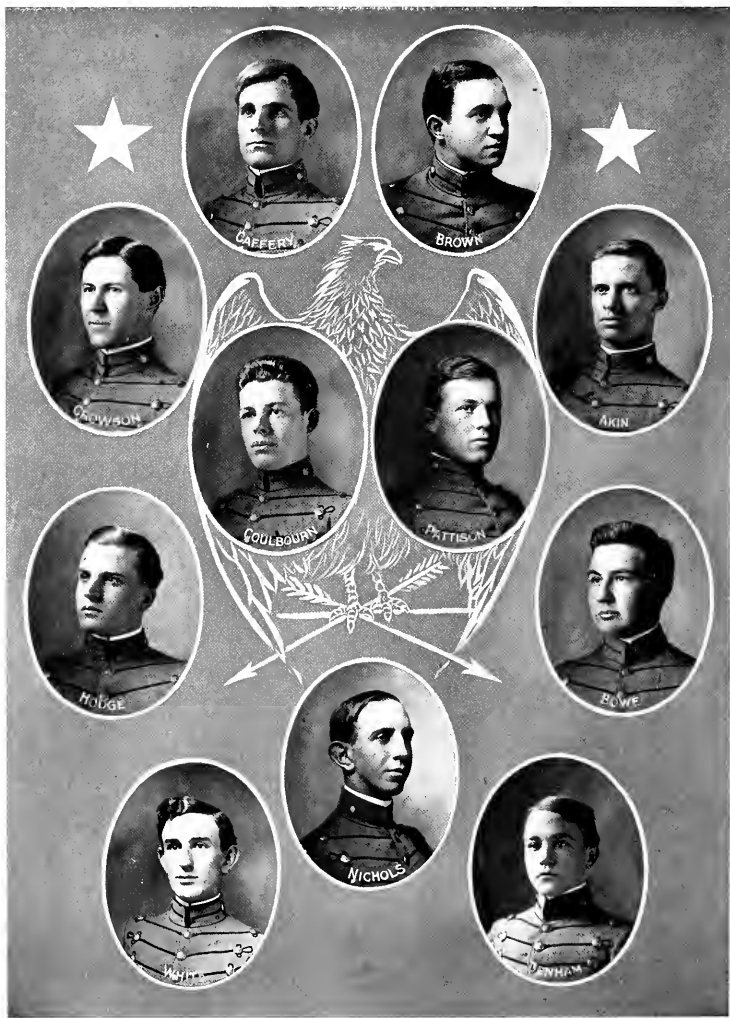




Editorial

THIS BOOK marks the twenty-sixth consecutive volume published by the cadets. This year we have succeeded in making a few changes, but dealing with the same subject matter year after year there is of necessity a large amount of sameness—in ideas, at least. Through lack of talent in the corps, we have, this year, been unable to secure many drawings, but we have striven to make this up by a lavish use of kodak pictures. The arrangement is substantially that of former years; the matter is entirely new. We have tried this year to portray cadet life in and out of barracks, in a manner which will call up fond memories of Alma Mater to the Alumni; and we hope that in future years this small volume will help to bring closer together the members of the Class of 1910, and to keep them ever fresh in the memories of their fellow cadets of the corps. If only a small part of this may be carried out, we will feel that our labor has not been expended in vain.

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Calendar

September 1—New Cadets reported.
September 8—Old Cadets reported.
September 16 and 17—Opening Hops.
October 4—Football season opened. Roanoke College at Lexington.
October 9—William and Mary at Lexington.
October 16—University of North Carolina at Lynchburg.
October 30—St. John's College at Lexington.
November 6—University of Virginia at Charlottesville.
November 9 to 11—In Richmond as escort to President Taft.
November 13—Randolph-Macon in Lexington.
November 25—Thanksgiving Day. Davidson in Lynchburg.
November 26 and 27—Thanksgiving Hops.
December 24—Christmas Eve. First Class Annual Banquet in Mess Hall.
December 25—Christmas Day. Holiday. Reveille to Battalion Parade.
December 31—Christmas Hop.
January 1—New Year Hop.
January 19—Lee's Birthday. Holiday.
February 8—Subs' Hop.
February 22—Washington's Birthday. Holiday.
March 26—Baseball season opened with St. John's in Lexington.
March 28—V. P. I. at Roanoke.
April 1 and 2—Easter Hops.
April 2—Randolph-Macon at Lexington.
April 9—William and Mary at Lexington.
April 11—Roanoke College at Lexington.
April 15—M. A. C. at Lexington.
April 18 and 19—Inspection by Captain Lockridge, U. S. A.
April 28—Davidson College at Lexington.
April 30—University of Maryland at Lexington.
May 2—V. P. I. at Lynchburg.
May 7—Fishburne at Lexington.
May 9—Left on hike for Staunton.
May 15—New Market Day. Holiday.
June 3—Memorial Day.
June 17—Finals Begin. Opening Hop.
June 18—Gymnasium Exhibit.
June 19—Baccalaureate Sermon.
June 20—Final German.
June 21—Society Hop. Alumni Sucker.
June 22—Dips. Auld Lang Syne. Dismissed. Furlough. Final Ball.



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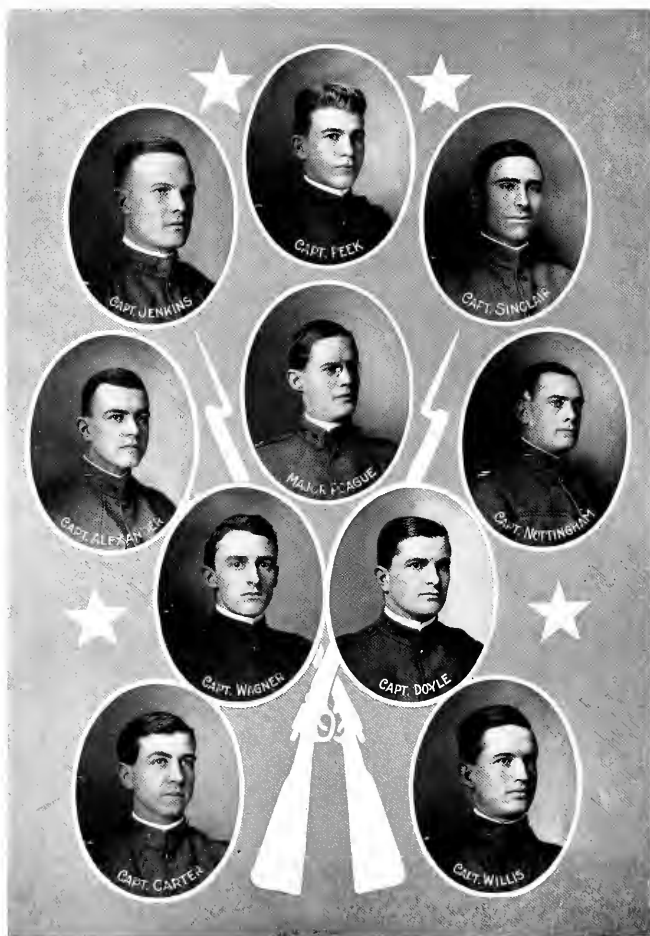
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Norfolk, Va.

Matriculated 1906; Private Company "A" (4); Corporal Company "D" (3); First Sergeant Company "A" (2); Captain Company "A" (1); Marshal Final Ball; Marshal Final German.

"Cap'n Ory," "Baldy," "Arizona," "King."

This red-headed Dutchman, who hails from anywhere, has his shoes made to order. "There's a reason." According to the tales he has told one would think he had passed through more adventures than Baron Munchausen, of whom he is an ardent admirer. The only member of the class who has the honor of having passed through a landslide successfully. His authority is greater than that of the Nabob of Bengal (?). Baldy knows more people than any other living being. He expects to go to the jungles of Africa as bridge-builder for monkeys; but it is doubtful if he will ever get farther away from Lexington than Staunton. He has punched a meal ticket in every home in Rockbridge county.

"Let me tell you what I done. Report them spills."





EDWARD CHURCH BALL
Maysville, Ky.

Private Company "C," (3), (2); Military Secretary (1); Marshal Final Ball (2); Marshal Final German (1).

"Midget," "Runt," "Ed-de."

In the fall of 1907, this specimen was run out of Kentucky by the Night Riders, and, having no other place to go, landed at V. M. L., and started on his brilliant career as a "third-class rat." Even as a "rat" he developed a capacity for telling fabulous tales, all based on that year at Kentucky State, and it can be truthfully said that this accomplishment of his has never been overshadowed by anyone.

His ability as a track man was seriously doubted until Xmas Eve, when, on meeting a "gentleman of color," he decided to play bad, but the "colored gentleman" was also bad, and talk about running; well, Midget flew. He was from Kentucky until one night in 100-B he was forced to disclaim his State. He is quite a dancer but seldom treats the ladies to a dance, though he attends all hops, taking the part of a "side-liner."

"Gee, Kid, but that's fine."

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JAMES BRUCE BENTLEY
Hampton, Va.

Matriculated 1907; Private Company "A" (3); Sergeant Company "D" (2); First Lieutenant Company "C" (1); Sub Football Team (3), (2), (1); Sub Baseball Team (3), (2), Varsity (1); Business Manager *The Cadet*; President Episcopal Church Club; Marshal Final Ball; Marshal Final German.

"J. B." "Bruce."

Although his personal appearance does not bear out the assertion, J. B. is a typical old salt, having absorbed all the characteristics of the seaman in the years he has spent in the deep water adjacent to Hampton Creek. His tales of Hampton Roads bear all the earmarks of pure fiction, and whatever credit they receive is merely out of regard for the old tar's feelings. He has made his mark in athletics, in the military department, in everything, in short, to which he has turned his attention, but the proudest record he has made is as a calic's man. In his years here he has ever been true to the one girl, and we venture the prediction that he will be the first of the class to assume the rôle of Benedict.





ALLMAND MATTESON BLOW
Ware Neck, Va.

Private Company "D" (4); Corporal Company "D" (3); Sergeant Company "C" (2); First Lieutenant Company "A" (1); Marshal Final Ball; Marshal Final German; Basket-Ball Team, (1); Class Baseball Team.

"Rusty," "Martini," "Margolius," Brush," "Old Salt."

In the fall of 1906 this "varmint" drifted into Lexington in the shape of an innocent-looking, flax-haired youth from some place on the east coast of Virginia he calls Ware Neck (not on the map). It is an unsolved mystery to him how a "cotton-top" can grow a red beard. His love for boats extends to such a degree that he once tried to sail a horse to Natural Bridge, but not shifting in time found the ground harder than water. For the last four years he has been trying to decide between Denver girls and Virginia girls, but since "trailing" has come into the game, the matter has been definitely settled.

"Git to the main-tree and reef the Mizzen Royal, you to the jigger."



WILLIAM FAIRBANKS BOWEN
Augusta, Ga.

Matriculated 1906; Private Company "A" (4); Corporal Company "D" (3); Private Company "D" (2); Sergeant Company "A" (2); Private Company "A" (1); Second Lieutenant Company "A" (1); Class Football Team (3); Scrubs (2); Varsity Sub. (1); Bomb Staff; Marshal Final Ball; Marshal Final German.

"Tessie," "Mellin's Food," "Pretty Boy."

This blushing specimen from Georgia keeps his roommates continually whistling for the "pulp." He even claims to have laid thirty thousand brick a day. Has frequently flooded Uncle Sam's mail with post cards. Although he has never succumbed to the wiles of three knocks and a scratch, he is a champion hoister with the bed straps. His winning smile and rosy cheeks make calic easy victims. On his last trip to Lynchburg he pulled off a big one by attempting to smoke a cigarette. He has a magnificent voice and may often be heard, accompanied by his mandolin, serenading his admiring (?) roommates.

Oh, shucks! Down in Georgia





CHARLES C. BROWN
St. Louis, Mo.

Matriculated 1906; Private Company "C" (4); Corporal Company "C" (3); Sergeant Company "C" (2); Lieutenant Company "C"; Lieutenant Company "D" (1); Manager Basket-Ball Team (1); Class Football Team (1); Class Secretary (1); Committee Final Ball (4); (3); Marshal Final Ball; Marshal Final German; Bomb Staff.

"Charlie," "Hook Beak."

His claims to the title of philosopher rest on a statement he made when a letter from St. Louis reached him—"Don't get kicked, boys; get off, like I did." Is great on making change; he gave out a five for a one at a basket-ball game, an action little in harmony with what one might expect after one looks at his nose. The only password he needs is three knocks and a scratch, which he uses three times a week, regularly. He was hilarious once—note that "once only" is not used—and passed to the sprinkler with the memorable words, "Never again, boys," as he leaned from the window.



JAMES PARKERSON CATTERY
Lafayette, La.

Matriculated 1906; Private Company "A" (4); Corporal Company "A" (3); Sergeant Company "D" (2); First Lieutenant Company "B" (1); Class Football Team (3); Scrub (2); Varsity Sub (1); Class Baseball Team (3), (2); Captain (1); Basket-Ball Team (1); President Tennis Club; Committee Final Ball; Marshal Final German; Bomb Staff.

"Timber Wolf," "Caf," "Green Hair," "J. P. C."

Reared to manhood (?) in the timbers of Southern Louisiana, he thought on becoming of age that he would go for an education. Accordingly he dropped in at the Institute in the fall of 1906, and since that time he has been trying to find why the external forces are equal to the internal stresses. In walking or standing at attention his toes are always inclined inward, but his greatest distinction is his green hair, by which he is always recognized. He once went to sleep on the parade ground and a cow, mistaking his lovely locks for grass, tried to eat them.





CHARLES BUTTON COULBOURN

Walker's Ford, Va.

Matriculated 1906; Private Company "D" (4); Corporal Company "A" (3); Sergeant Company "C" (2); First Lieutenant Company "F" (1); *Cadet Staff*; Marshal Final German; Editor-in-Chief THE BOMB.

"Button," "Charlie," "Speedy."

This eccentric, red-headed country boy landed in our midst in 1906 and has ever since been trying to show his varied accomplishments. When a rat Button resolved to run for Corporal, so he bought a set of extra good (?) accoutrements. Note: He hasn't run since. Upon becoming a first classman he determined to shine in the social world and made his debut at the New Year's Hop. Easter found him a confirmed calic man, but owing to an unfortunate after-taps conversation with "Dal," he was unavoidably detained in 62 the Sunday after, and was compelled to converse with the fairer sex from the window. He is undecided as to his future home but says that the Capitol city is the most probable, provided—

"Cut out that—noise.. I want to sleep."



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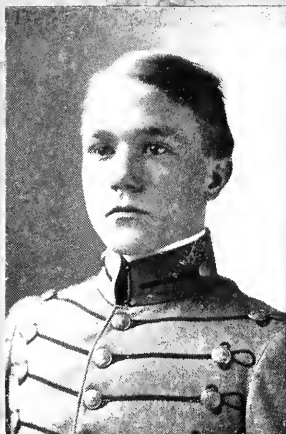
Parksley, Va.

Matriculated 1906; Private Company "D" (4); Corporal Company "D" (3); Sergeant Company "B" (2); Quartermaster (1); Member Court of Honor (3), (2); Vice-President and President Class (2); President (1); Secretary Y. M. C. A. (3); Vice-President (2); President (1); Marshal Final Ball; Marshal Final German; *Cadet Staff*; Bomb Staff; Valedictorian.

"Krouse," "Homitz," "Ben."

"This" sergeant, who is slightly slew-footed and whose name begins with a "C, sir," found his way to V. M. I. from the fertile (?) sand dunes of "Accomac?" by way of the "N. Y. P. & N." and across the Bay. Tutored by the fertile brain of "Beverly D." he was introduced into the world of poets and songsters where he has since made himself famous by long practice on "Ezekiel Jeremiah Bond." He has a well-known reputation as a fisher of men "Why don't you bite, Ball?"





JAMES LAMBIE DENHAM

Washington, D. C.

Matriculated 1906; Private Company "B" (4), (3), (2); Private Company "C" (1); Class Baseball Team (2), (1); Class Football Team (1); Marshal Final German; Bomb Staff; Chemistry Club; H. P. P. A.

"Hap," "Rabbit," "Bounce"

The conductor, as instructed, dumped this tagged individual at East Lexington in September, 1906. "I am not a girl. Why can't I enlist? Look at my beard." Easily identified by his contented expression, rabbit nose, and military (?) walk, bouncing along like a rubber ball. Hap is very fond of mess hall food (?). Counting bricks was his favorite third class pastime. (At a hop) "Miss er-er-r, won't you take this break with me?" (She). "I do not know you." Hap expects to make his mark in the world slinging dish pans, weighing nails, and delivering ice picks.

"Lo! I am a man. Be ye not deceived by my stature."



HENRY LEE DODSON

St. Michaels, Md.

Matriculated 1906; Private Company "B" (4); Corporal Company "C" (3); Private Company "C" (2); Private Company "E" (1); Marshal Final Ball; Marshal Final German.

"Jane," "Jane Cable," "Miss Didson."

On first sight this callow and pink-cheeked celebrity might well be mistaken as a walking advertisement of massage cream. Truth to speak, this dashing Adonis, since his debut as a second classman, has broken not a few hearts, and Cupid has in turn scored on him more than once. Countless are the letters he writes, numerous those he receives. Jane has bright aspirations for the future. With "Button" he is going to institute an exclusive Order of Bachelors and they will roam the world in their palatial yacht.

"Say, boys, did I get a letter?"





KENNA GRANVILLE EASTHAM
Harrisonburg, Va.

Matriculated 1906; Private Company "C" (4), (3), (2); Private Company "D" (1); Class Football Team (3), (2); Scrubs (1); H. P. P. A.; Marshal Final Ball; Marshal Final German.

"East," "Keit," "Irish."

This young Irishman, who swears he will never become a cop, landed via East Lexington on a Virginia Creeper in September, 1906, of which we are well aware. His constant chatter makes all else a mere echo. "East's" ambitions for a corporal, although never materialized, have developed into ambitions for an army appointment—let us hope with a better result. A great calic's man, with his broad, expansive grin and monstrous tales, sad, but true—other ears have to listen to these same tales. "Say, Keit—gimme er match." Keit is a great financier—ask Baldy.

(Capt. C.) *"Speed Eastham." "W-h-a-r y-o-u go-i-n-t-e-r t-a-k-e m-e, k-i-d?" "Little, but loud."*



ALEXANDER HALL ELLISON
Portsmouth, Va.

Matriculated 1907; Private Company "C" (3), (2); Private Company "D" (1); Military Secretary (1).

"Elly," "Little Elly," "Charles I," "Monk."

Portsmouth, that far-renowned suburb of Norfolk, has produced many celebrities, but none who can vie with Little Elly. Although he entered V. M. I. as a third class rat, he often regales his roommates with anecdotes (?) of 1906-07. He habitually uses a Sweet Briar pipe, which, as all of Elly's other Smoking accessories, possesses the strength of Gibraltar. Reveille is his pet abomination. Although not posing as a "calicoist" he has been discovered at infrequent intervals surreptitiously inditing epistles to some fair demoiselle. He aspires to become commandant of some well-known military school, where he can instill in the embryo soldier the principles so forcibly impressed on him by Corporal Ward and Brett.

"If you don't like the way I do it, do it yourself."





JAMES R. GILLIAM

Lynchburg, Va.

Matriculated 1906; Private Company "D" (4); Corporal Company "B" (3); Sergeant Company "A" (2); Private Company "A" (1); Color Guard; Manager Football Team (1); Cadet Staff; Ring Committee; Hop Committee; Marshal Final Ball; Marshal Final German.

"Jim," "Old Lady," "Titus."

Since his advent from the "Hill City," four years ago, he has acted as mother to all who desired his services in this capacity. Is chiefly noted, though, for his uncertainty in affairs of the heart, in spite of which trait he is quite a winner with the ladies. It was once said of him that he would make love to a gatepost if it wore a bonnet; from this it will rightly be gathered that he is impressionable. He is the only business manager of the football team in years to make money on his season, and because of this achievement a brilliant career in the world of finance is predicted for him.

If you hear somebody yell, "Gimme a drag," you'll know it is "Titus."



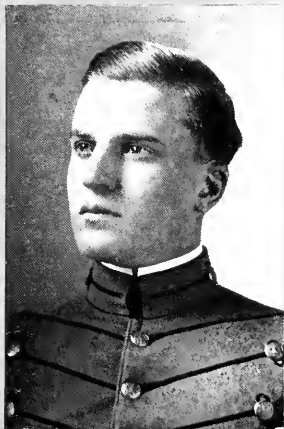
GEORGE CARROL HAMNER

Washington, D. C.

Matriculated 1906; Private Company "C" (4), (3), (2); Private Company "D" (1); Marshal Final Ball; Marshal Final German.

"Iky," "Hebrew," "Rebecca," "Keydet."





EDWIN HODGE, JR.
Henderson, Ky.

Matriculated 1907; Private Company "D" (3); Sergeant-Major (2); Adjutant (1); Assistant Manager Baseball (2); Manager (1); *Cadet* Staff; Athletic Editor BOMB; Entertainment Committee; President Final Ball; Leader Final German.

"Eddie," "Chappie," "Beautiful," "Old Lady."

This pretty boy reached the Institute in the fall of 1907, from a little town in the wilds of Kentucky, where there is said to be one yellow "pay-as-you-enter" street car. His favorite occupation is playing on the sand banks and bowling on the green. He has blushing and heart smashing down to a science and writes the same thing to every girl he meets. Eddie thinks he has a wonderful voice and can be seen at all times in Thirty-two looking in the mirror and singing "Pretty Monkey," without changing the key over twelve times.

"Beauty is only skin deep."



FRANCIS LEAVELL JOHNSON
Crescent, W. Va.

Matriculated 1906; Private Company "B" (4); Corporal Company "C" (3); Sergeant Company "C" (2); Second Lieutenant Company "D" (1); Gym Team (3), (2), (1), Basket-Ball Sub (1); Class Baseball Team (3), (2), (1); Class Football Team (2); Captain (1); *Cadet* Staff; Marshal Final Ball; Marshal Final German.

"Ruby," "Belinda," "Corp.," "Sergeant."

This little gem from the coal fields of West Virginia is the belle of 1910. The space allotted to this sketch might well be entirely used in a description of his beauty, were one's pen skillful enough to put on paper the charm of bright eyes, rosy cheeks, and smiling lips. There's a funny thing about his lips; sometimes they look as though they'd been caressed by a green persimmon; and give a queer expression to his innocent countenance. He occasionally breaks forth in story with Crescent as his theme, but his budding genius as a *raconteur* is so completely overshadowed by mature skill of Miller in this field that it has withered and died.





HENRY SOLAN KANE, JR.

Gate City, Va.

Matriculated 1905; Private Company "A" (4). (3); Sergeant Company "A" (2); Second Lieutenant Company "C" (1); Class Football Team (2), (1); Marshal Final Ball; Marshal Final German.

"Henri."

Having at an early age escaped from his native Gate City, due, perhaps, to negligence on the part of one of the gate-keepers, he strayed into the service of Uncle Sam; doubtless he felt sure that the army could not get along without him. It was indeed a great blow to the Regulars, when feeling his presence to be indispensable at the V. M. I., he was honorably discharged after only a year's service. His studious habits extend only to reading the headlines and gravely pondering over these with a vociferous meersch-chaum (?) as companion. He is death to newspapers; none of which are safe in his clutches. He absorbs stock quotations, scare heads, and such exhilarating reading matter as a sponge does water.

"Somebody put dirt in Du's horn!"



PORTER ALEXANDER MACKALL

Savannah, Ga.

Matriculated 1905; Private Company "D" (4), (3), (2), (1); Second Lieutenant Company "F" (1); Class Football Team (3), (2), (1); Captain (3); Cheer Leader; Class Banquet Committee; Entertainment Committee; Final Ball Committee; Vice-President Final Ball; Marshal Final German.

"Peter," "Pots," "Rabbit," "Mike," "Lieutenant."

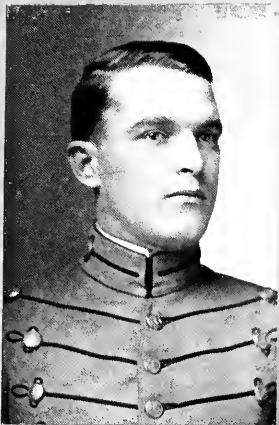
Pots knows by association every cadet and dog who has been near the Institute in the last century. He started his history in the fall of 1905 with a good appetite and long hair, and since then has lost neither. Is very fond of eating, as shown by his profile, and when nothing else is at hand, even indulges in nails. He has never been known to count over 1225 nor to be embarrassed by a girl. Peter celebrated his lieutenantcy with the second pair of creases since his arrival. "Tis said he once paid a nickel to ride in a "Thomas Flyer," but his lights went out and he had to stop.

"Is he good looking?"



MARION TANNER MAHONE

Petersburg, Va.



Matriculated 1905; Private Company "B" (5); Company "C" (4), (3), (2), (1); Class Football Team (1); Gym Team (3), (2); Captain (1); Marshal Final Ball; Marshal Final German; Glee Club (2).

"Billy" "Money," "Stumps," "Mehony."

This wee palladin of chivalry arrived in 1905. Sad to say his fall from grace threw him into our midst and we shamefacedly present him as one of us. Of a rash and sanguinary nature, he falls in love at first sight and out at second; leads the gym team in its flights, and breaks all records in nocturnal dashes up the parapet. Tried to play Ben Hur with Mister Moiphy, but not only lost the race but part of his trousers. We know no more than Stump does what his future career will be, but we know he will make good.

"Where's my letter?"



DANIEL EDWARD MURPHY

Washington, D. C.

Matriculated 1906; Private Company "C" (4), (3), (2), (1); Class Football Team (1); Cheer Leader (1); Marshal Final Ball; Marshal Final German.

"Pat," "Oirish," "Mister Moiphy."

This son of Erin landed in our midst in the fall of 1906, and since then has been trying to prove that he is a direct descendant of St. Patrick. Pat proved impregnable to all the wiles and charms of the gentle sex until reaching his first class year. Since then he has been conjecturing when the mail will arrive. The only matter in which he does not call on "Hap" for help is in composing his "billet-doux," when Eddie comes to the rescue. Oirish spends about two-thirds of his time in trying to assist Nature in beautifying his "Kaig" by aid of Pompeian Massage Cream; but with all these faults Pat has proved the life of 1910 and will be missed by all.

"Let the world slide."





JAMES ANDERSON NICHOLS

Petersburg, Va.

Matriculated 1906; Private Company "C" (4), (3), (2); Sergeant Company "D" (2); Private Company "D" (1); Lieutenant Company "B" (1); Marshal Final Ball; Marshal Final German; Secretary Literary Society; Cheer Leader (1); Bomb Staff; Committee on Class Banquet; President Flop-Eared Club.

"Nick," "Cosine," "Ears."

Often seen sitting in the front room of Forty-eight, playing love-ditties on the "Floperine" and composing a love song to College Park. A girl once described him as "Ears with legs on them." Is a born flirt and changes calic regularly once a month. While cheer leading he resembles a mosquito in full action. Made several addresses before the Corps in the hope of convincing them of his oratorical powers. (Val- edictorian?) While this is in doubt, his ability as a Marathon letter-writer is amply justified.

"You got ignorance knots on your head."



ROBERT ALDRIDGE NOWLIN

Lynchburg, Va.

Matriculated 1906; Private Company "A" (4), (3), (2); Private Company "B" (1); Mandolin Club (2); (1); Marshal Final Ball; Marshal Final German.

"Peanut," "Swan-neck," "Hooligan," "Slide-rule," "Bob."

This product of the "Hill City" blew into barracks in the fall of 1906, having narrowly escaped capture by Barnum and Bailey's world-famous circus. Truly he would have been an attraction for a museum, owing to his lack of even the semblance of a chin, and the very slight difference between his laugh and the cackle of a scared hen. He is somewhat of a shark on the slide-rule, and insists upon explaining it from A to Z, though usually to an inattentive audience. Some simple-minded friend (?) told him that he could play the mandolin, and his belief in this so resembles the Rock of Gibraltar in firmness that his roommates are quite frequently driven almost to distraction.

"Life is just one damn thing after another."





ROBERT S. ORR
Pennington Gap, Va.

Matriculated 1906; Private Company "D" (4), (3), (2), (1); Private Company "F" (1); Class Football Team, (2), (1); Marshal Final Ball; Marshal Final German.

"Bresh," "Country," "Farmer."

This interesting specimen came to the Institute fresh from the furrow, and the world will never know the anguish born of his parting with the plow. He writes many letters—with Webster's Unabridged as an ally—in a futile attempt to scratch the surface of some unknown damsel's stony heart. Lately, however, he seems to have abandoned his pursuit of female charms in favor of a hunt for a job; his correspondence is devoted entirely to business. His dip will be to him a treasure doubly dear, since with it safely stowed in his carpet bag there is nothing to hinder an early reunion with his beloved plowhandles.

"He maketh his bread by the sweat of his brow."



THEODORE SOMERVILLE PATTISON
Cambridge, Md.

Matriculated 1907; Private Company "A" (3); Sergeant Company "D" (2); First Lieutenant Company "A" (1); Captain Company "C" (1); Football Team (2), (1); Basket-Ball Team (2), (1); Secretary-Treasurer Press Club (2); Class Historian; President Dialectic Society; Editor-in-Chief *The Cadet*; Business Manager *THE BOMB*; Marshal Final Ball; Marshal Final German.

"Pat," "Summer," "Theodore."

Born in a little town in eastern Maryland some twenty-odd years ago, he has since then inhabited nearly every town on the Atlantic seaboard. No matter what his position, be it star reporter on the *Cambridge Outburst* or the proud wearer of four stripes at V. M. I., he has always been very much in evidence. Words flow from his lips with a volubility unequalled by the real "Teddy" and he never tires of relating tales of most marvelous doings in the days when he was skipper of a Chesapeake oyster-sloop, or a warrant-officer in the Maryland Naval Brigade.





JOHN GORDON PAYNE, JR.
Lynchburg, Va.

Matriculated 1906; Private Company "D" (4); Corporal Company "B" (3); Color Sergeant Company "A" (2); First Lieutenant Company "E" (1); Scrub Football Team (2); Cheer Leader (1); Marshal Final German.

"Fats" "Brooks" "Gordon."

This cherubic-faced young man has achieved the distinction of being the only cadet in his class, if not in V. M. I.'s history, who has remained faithful for four years to one and only one—and in so doing has received most of his reports for "clogging mail-boxes." Brooks' "stentorian" (?) voice can often be heard loudly berating the poor unfortunate "rats" who fall to his care. Gordon's one ambition now is to manufacture enough brick to pave all the hills of Lynchburg and we wish him as much success in this as we know he will achieve in all other lines.

"All the world loves a lover."



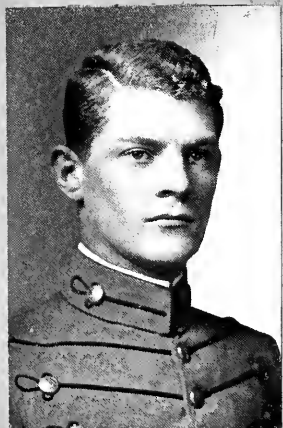
HENRY GRIGSLEY POAGUE
Lexington, Va.

Matriculated 1906; Private Company "D" (4); Corporal Company "A" (3); First Sergeant Company "C" (1); Captain Company "D" (1); Football Team (3), (2), (1); Captain (1); Class Baseball Team (2), (1); Marshal Final Ball.

"Henri," "Little (?) Piggy," "Nigger-Top."

Henri hit V. M. I. with a football under his arm and since then has expended all his energies in this line until his first class year, when he surrendered to one of the "College Widows." He is the frequent recipient of letters hidden under a two-cent stamp and brought down in a two-horse dray. As "King of the 9's" he has achieved quite a reputation and rules them all with an iron scepter. He will undoubtedly wind up as a steam-fitter in Peezy's can factory.

"Gimme another hamburger, Charley."





ROBERT BARNWELL RHETT
Charleston, S. C.

Private Company "C," (4), (3), (2), (1); Private Company "D" (1); Company "E" (1); Class Football Team; Scrub Football Team, Gymnasium Team (2), (1); Cadet Librarian; Cadet Staff; Committeeman Final Ball; Marshal Final German; H. P. P. A.; Episcopal Church Club.



JAMES RUSSELL RICHARDS
Riverton, Va.

Matriculated 1906; Private Company "A" (4), (3), (2); Private Company "B" (1).

"Rich," "Richey," "General," "Napoleon."

This peculiar specimen arrived upon the scene of action in the fall of 1906, where it immediately began to adorn the rear rank of Company "A," remaining there ever since except for an occasional rise to the dignity of the front rank. Rich is chiefly noted for his lack of hirsute adornment and a pair of legs which seem to point out a useful career in the cavalry. During his rathood days, the General was accustomed to outburst on sundry occasions into fierce demands for satisfaction on the field of honor concerning his identity, and he even went so far as to race down the third stoop on a saw-horse. Although not a regular attendant of the hops, Richey often indulged in the pastime of dancing to the tune of "Waltz Me Around Again, Willie," sung by himself. As a rule he selected a chair or a broom-stick for a partner.

"You're ding' right."





GEORGE TRIMBLE ROBERTSON
Mexico, Mo.

Matriculated 1905; Private Company "D" (4) (3), (2); Private Company "F" (1); Class Baseball (3), (2), (1); Captain (2); Mandolin Club (3); (2), (1); Leader (1); Vice-President Red-Headed Club; Color Guard (1).

"Red," "Dal," "Immey," "Boden," "Pink."

Came to these walls in the winter of 1905 with the reputation of the "greatest pitcher in the West," and to date has starred in one class game. Finding his paths here long and lonesome, he went to summer school with a mandolin and came back with a heart. Now his favorite expression is "I know where I stand." Divides his time between the radiator and the hay and has never been seen in a hurry except on the way to a formation, usually arriving there late.

"The easiest way."



ROBERT CHAPMAN SNIDOW
Pembroke, Va.

Matriculated 1906; Private Company "B" (4) (3), (2); Second Lieutenant Company "E" (1); Marshal Final German

"Skid," "Skidoo," "Schnitts," "Skidunk."

Born in the wilds of Virginia, sometime in the remote past, he looks the part of the sturdy mountaineer. His first ride on the train was when he was sent up to the Institute. Since his arrival here he has been storing up energy in order to make a combustion at the next exposition. On account of his voice, which resembles that of a laughing hyena, he has been assigned to the topographical detail, where commands are unnecessary. He has even been known to smoke cigarettes and drink soda water. Although quiet about it, he is an up-to-date calic man. Skid likes to dance, but at present doesn't know the difference between a waltz and a two-step. He hopes to be a "jiner" in the army sometime.

"I don't think I'm crazy." "Oh, you."



JOHN CHRISTOPHER TALIAFERRO, JR.
Baltimore, Md.



Matriculated 1906; Private Company "B" (4); Corporal Company "C" (3); Sergeant Company "A" (2); Private Company "E" (1); Class Football Team (3); Scrub Football Team (2); Varsity Football Team (1); Marshal Final Ball; Marshal Final German.

"Peezy," "Jack," "Gimme," "Bismark."

This stony-hearted charmer arrived fresh from his conquest of Baltimore's fair one's, but so far during his stay at V. M. I. has been only able to captivate the Norfolk Navy Yard. Peezy has acquired a vocabulary which astounds even the professors, but has remarkable "control" over himself. Peezy expects some day to be Head Chemist for the Bureau of Agriculture if he does not enlist as one of Uncle Sam's dough boys before.

"As sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal."



JOHN V. THOMPSON
Lynchs, Va.

Matriculated 1906; Private Company "D" (4), (3), (2); Private Company "E" (1); H. P. P. A.; Marshal Final German.

"Tommy," "Thompkins," "Tomcat."

Tommy is an amphibious animal of wonderful figure and surpassingly melodious voice. He is noted for his use of swimming permit, but seems to care more for his own safety than for the water. At first sight one can easily see that he is from Lynchs. He is wonderfully fond of the fair sex and regularly attends the hops; but he is a firm believer that "distance lends enchantment," for he is seldom seen dancing.





JAMES WAVERLY TINSLEY, JR.
East Radford, Va.

Matriculated 1906; Private Company "A" (4); Corporal Company "C" (3); Color Sergeant, Company "B" (2); Captain Company "E" (1); Class Football Team (3); Captain Class Football Team (2); Class Baseball Team (3), (2), (1); Marshal Final Ball; Marshal Final German.

"Jim," "Old Lady," "My Little Captain."

In the dim past of his rathood days Jim was noted as the Jim Jeffries of the class, but since then has turned to the gentler occupation of winning his stripes and—incidentally—a few hearts. Jim is one of the founders and vice-presidents of the W. B. C. Club and with the aid of Bing, as president, has succeeded in preparing a number of third classmen as well as his own classmates for this cold and heartless world. Jim is another of those of this class who yearn for further military glory and we expect him to do as well there as he has here.

"You can't dance, nohow."



WILLIS F. WESTMORELAND
Atlanta, Ga.

Matriculated 1905; Private Company "D" (5), (4), (3), (2), (1); Private Company "T" (1); 1909 Fireworks Committee; Class Football Team (1); Basket-Ball Scrubs (2), (1); Marshal Final Ball; Marshal Final German.

"East," "West," "Old Flop."

This mysterious "critter" was shot into barracks from what he claims is the true and only Southern metropolis in the fall of 1905, and has been here ever since except for a brief stay at the University of Georgia in 1908. Love of his trusty musket and moonlight strolls therewith brought him back to barracks, where he can be found at any time, behind closed doors in his room, deep in a letter to some Southern belle. Next to his correspondence, his chief labor is keeping track of the world's news of athletics. His talk is sporty, and abounds in familiar allusions to Cobb, Coy, Jeffries and others of their ilk. "East's" ambition, one which he is sure to realize, is to annex a dip in medicine at Yale.





GILBERT GREENWAY-WHITE
Abingdon, Va.

Matriculated 1906; Private Company "A" (4); Corporal Company "A" (3); First Sergeant Company "D" (2); Captain Company "F" (1); Marshal Final Ball; Assistant Leader Final German; Bomb Staff; Vice-President Class; Entertainment Committee.

"Shorty," "Squaw," "War Horse."

Well and properly known as the most fickle man in barracks, he has also the reputation of being champion liar and holds it against all comers or goers. He was once heard to say that a skeleton has been known to ward off sleep for a month. A girl very well described his figure when she said he resembled a string that had been partly unraveled. Never fails to respond to the call of three knocks and a scratch. Why does Lexington ask about his trip to the State Normal? Has been asked to explain the gentle (?) art of throwing corn cobs in front of barracks, but says it might deprive him of more pleasures.

"Say, have you heard this one?"



GEORGE SCOTT WILSON
Belton, Mo.

Matriculated 1906; Private Company "A" (4); Private Company "B" (3); (2); Private Company "C" (1); Class Football Team (3), (2), (1); Member Chemistry Club; H. P. P. A.; Marshal Final Ball; Marshal Final German.

"Slip," "Fish," "Herr Wilson," "Vils."

From the wild and woolly West came this bright young man. With a gait resembling that of a fish out of water "Slip" entered barracks for the first time in 1906. His first hop would have been a greater success had not the many-colored sock dropped from the tail of his coat. Listeners to a joke are often startled by "Wilson's" enthusiastic exclamations. "Vait! Vait! Vait! Don't swear to that!" (Eleven thirty p. m.) "Say, sentinel, [whispering], has the O. C. inspected?" "Slip's" ambition will be materialized when he goes on the road selling socks.

"A day, an hour, of virtuous liberty is worth a whole eternity in bondage."



JAMES POWERS YANCEY

Culpeper, Va.



Matriculated 1906; Private Company "D" (4); Corporal Company "A" (3); Sergeant Company "B" (2); Private Company "F" (1); Class Football Team (1); Class Baseball Team (2), (1); Marshal Final Ball; Marshal Final German.

"Bingo," "Brush," "Jim," "Complexion."

"Bing" arrived at V. M. I. in the fall of 1906, claiming to be from Culpeper, but in some way it leaked out that he was in reality from Catalpa, wherever that is. Jim is not much of a shining light in society, but he is certainly an "Aurora Borealis" when it comes to entertaining the boys. Despite the fact that the result of his four years' patronage of "Charlie's" failed to win him his "lieut" stripes, he still has hopes of becoming one of Uncle Sam's rough riders, when we feel sure he will be heard from.

"Laugh and the world laughs with you."



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FIRST CLASS BANQUET

First Class Banquet

DECEMBER 24, 1909

Toasts

Toastmaster, B. F. CROWSON

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| V. M. I. | C. B. COULBOURN |
| "In peace an honor; in war a defense" | |
| Class of 1910 | J. P. CAFFERY |
| "We have been friends together, in sunshine and shade" | |
| Ex-Classmates | J. A. NICHOLS, JR. |
| "And some fell by the wayside" | |
| Officers | P. A. MACRALL |
| "I am not in the roll of common men" | |
| Privates | O. M. BALDINGER |
| "Alive, ridiculous, and dead forgot" | |
| Dips | G. G. WHITE |
| "Success is counted sweetest by those who ne'er succeed" | |
| "Calic" | E. HODGE, JR. |
| "And when a lady's in the case, you know all other things give place" | |
| Future of 1910 | W. F. BOWE, JR. |
| "But there's a gude time coming" | |
| Athletics | T. S. PATTISON |
| "Strength wisely employed is honorable" | |
| Alumni | J. B. BENTLEY |
| "To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die" | |

Menu

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| Blue Point Cocktail | | |
| Olives | Radishes | Celery |
| Fried Oyster Crabs—Tartar Sauce | | |
| Potatoes | | |
| Roast Vermont Turkey, Stuffed—Cranberry Sauce | | |
| Baked Mashed Potatoes | | |
| V. M. I. Punch | | |
| Broiled Philadelphia Squabs on Toast—Currant Jelly | | |
| Tomato Surprise | | |
| Grandmother's Frozen Custard—American Sauce | | |
| Fancy Cakes | | |
| Roquefort Cheese | Toasted Crackers | |
| Coffee | | |
| Cigars and Cigarettes | | |

First Class History



Our eyes well-nigh dim with tears as we look back on our introduction to the life of the Institute—on the pleasant memories that cluster around the year that then began—on the many, many classmates, close as brothers, who shared our joys and sorrows, and who are now gone from our ken forever. Not all our reminiscences, though, are pleasant; those of a rat year never are. Some of our experiences were of a distinctly unpleasant nature; to begin with, the entire corps was assembled to greet us; it contained some men who would have won fame as inventors of unheard-of tortures in the days of the Spanish Inquisition. Exposed to their wiles and machinations, our first months were spent in utter misery. After Christmas our trials became less, although the third-class fireworks episode frightened us nearly out of our wits. The year closed with the trip to Jamestown and the usual celebration at Finals. Never did a hundred souls more gladly welcome the balmy days of June than did the



rat class that year, and few of us missed the first train out of town after the And Lang Syne.

In September the majority of us returned, to take up life as third classmen. At first we considered ourselves the most important beings in creation; during



men were unable to return at the beginning of the year; others were added to the roll of absentees during its course.

As second classmen we bore a greater share of the responsibilities of the

Institute than is customary. Leagued with the first class, we made a determined stand against an evil which has always shamed the V. M. I.—brutal hazing—and by a determined effort this enemy to the school's progress was finally vanquished.



The year was, except for this, an uneventful one. Our roll was still further depleted by the loss of some of our best men, who were unable to continue with us for various reasons. The officers of our class were particularly unlucky. The man who received *bull* sergeant at Finals was sixth in the list of line ser-

geants in June a year later. The corps went into camp the latter part of May, thereby obliging the farmers of this section, whose crops were suffering from drouth, to an incalculable extent, for, as usual, it was no sooner under canvas than the heavens let loose their pent-up waters. The Deluge would have been duplicated had we stayed in camp forty days and forty nights. The days were idle, which compensated for many hardships, and the nights enlivened by



have since greatly missed.

The beginning of our first class year was marred by many occurrences of an unpleasant nature. In accordance with our views of the preceding year,



the rectitude of which was then being amply proven each day in the state press, it was decided to go to any extreme to put a stop to the practice of hazing. Before we succeeded in getting the other classes to abandon the evil it was necessary to take drastic measures—measures which were regretted by no one more than ourselves, but which seemed to us, and still seem, the lesser of two evils. The day of brutal hazing in American colleges is past; in only very rare cases have there been abuses of the practice at the Institute, but the system which makes possible the rarest instance

must go. It is our proudest boast that under our régime this system has been abandoned, and it is in the hope that our struggles to have it abandoned have not been in vain that we leave our *alma mater*.

This year also introduced to us in the present Commandant of Cadets one who has proved himself in every way fitted to fill that difficult position. Under his able administration, the military efficiency of the Institute has been vastly

amateur theatricals and the like, so that the experience was, on the whole, a rather pleasant one.

Finals came in its due course. Nineteen Ten distinguished itself especially in the Final Ball figure, admitted by all to have outshone all of its kind. The event celebrated an event bitter to us all—our parting with the Class of 1909. In all its members we felt the deep interest which a close association with them in the latter part of our second class year made possible. In them we found most loyal allies, whose aid we



increased; it will be universally agreed that the memory of man runneth not to the time when a better battalion has represented the V. M. I. Doubtless the same result would have been achieved with any first class. But we like to think that our efforts to further his schemes for improvement along this line have not been in vain, and that our co-operation has been of little value. It has been freely given whenever it seemed needful.

Our course has not been entirely smooth. Throughout our stay within these historic walls, our class has at times been rent by internal dissension, yet it has ever presented to opposition from without that unbroken front which bespeaks the truest class spirit. In all fields of class activity we have been



successful, however severely handicapped. We have furnished our share, and more than our share, of athletes to the several varsity teams, albeit many of our representatives have not been able to reap in their first class year the honors won by hard work in previous years. In the interclass football and baseball games we have won a number of victories. This spring finds our baseball team with the championship, it having defeated all its opponents.

The notes of "Auld Lang Syne" have ever played upon our deepest feelings. Each time we have heard their drawn-out sweetness we have recognized in them



the knell of friendships we would fain have with us always. When next we hear them they will mean farewell to the Institute, to its life we have known and loved so long, and to all within its walls who, in four years of closest association, have become dearer than brothers.

As we say good-bye to all this, the bitternesses of the past are forgotten, while the many, many happy hours of our cadet life pass in review before us. We are stepping over the threshold of a strange world, one where we will encounter danger and diffi-

culty, hitherto unknown, without the friendly support the V. M. I. has never withheld. As we forever abandon the cadet gray, it is with a benediction on all who shall wear it in years to come, and the trust that the future may show us, in other garb, hearts which beat as true as those that uniform has covered.

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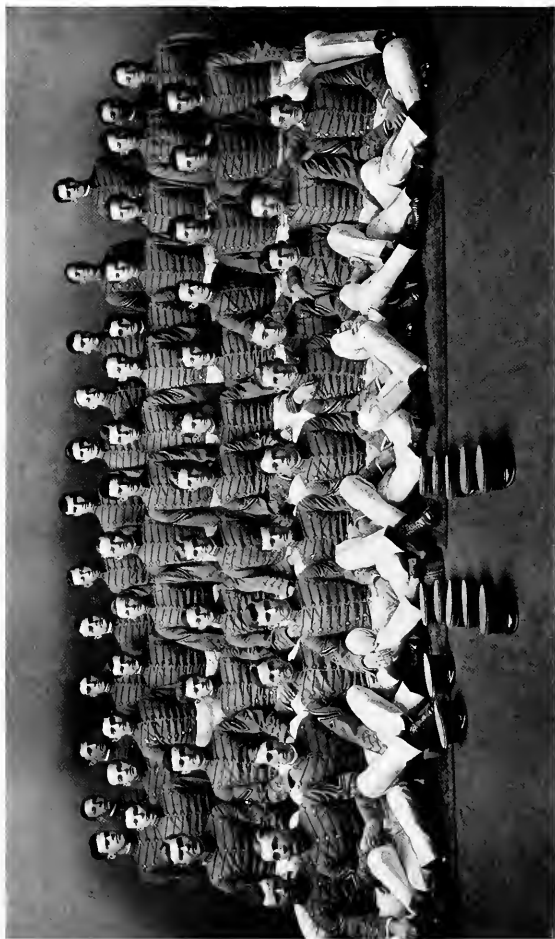
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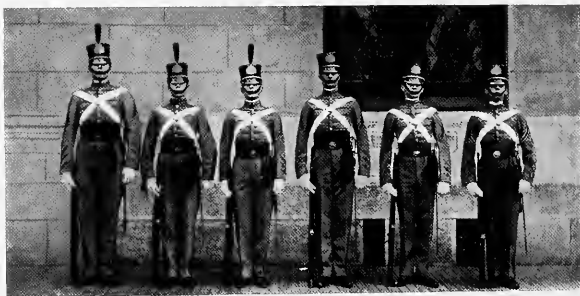
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History of 1911

THE happenings of the past two years, the agonies and trials which we went through, are thrown in the background as we approach the goal of our ambition. The third year of our sojourn here is drawing rapidly to a close and we forget all else in our eagerness to possess first-class prestige and privileges. The halo of first-classdom is close above our heads, where we strenuously endeavor to keep it, though by the time we have passed our reviews, it will have small space to occupy.

It is with an effort that the historian draws his mind away from the con-



templation of all the beautiful things that lie beyond and starts it back over the sordid past. Yet his reminiscences are not all bad.

We entered upon our career at V. M. I. in the fall of 1907, when hazing was in full swing, and it was not long before we were perfectly cognizant of its existence. We thought, however, that what we were catching deserved a stronger and more satisfactory name. We, therefore, searched high and low for a suitable term. We had reached the bottom of the list before we agreed upon a most expressive and thoroughly deserving title. What we caught was thereafter to be called by the name of a locality bearing a close relation to Hades. It is needless to say that we soon fell into line and behaved ourselves precisely as we should. It also goes without saying that our rambles in the wilds of East Lexington, where our tormentors could not find us, were most painstakingly indulged in and indulged.

But this year ended all too soon, and we entered upon the second year of our course. We gathered together that year in September with great joy and greater ambitions. We were in for any devilment we could think up and carried out most of our plans successfully, thereby furnishing the upper classes abundant amusement, appropriately. As time wore on, our heads waxed larger, or, at least, we grew a great deal in our own estimation and correspondingly smaller in the opinion of the powers that be. After a few months the novelty of being old cadets wore off and we recognized the fact that we weren't the whole show, and it hurt, because it touched our pampered vanity. As rats we suffered from bodily discomforts, but as third classmen our suffering was confined to our heads. If we caught Hades in our rat year, we caught the 4th degree of it now. In every sense of the word we were model third classmen. But what was the use?



Encompassed on all sides by our enemies, there was no escape, but to take recourse to our arsenal, which was well supplied, and, like the Anarchist, blow a way.

Our manifold troubles served only to draw us closer together, and fit us for the transition, from the darkness of superstition and ignorance, to the renaissance which began in our second class year. Our first act during this period was to abolish that "brutal and unnecessary practice of hazing," which shows beyond a doubt our conversion from the barbarous to the civilized state. We also eliminated all of our third class stunts, as superfluous and beneath our dignity. This was a very natural proceeding, but it did seem strange to us, after our rather boisterous conduct as third classmen, to put away childish things and become, as it were, angels, though wingless. This year our class has stuck together re-

markably well, and as a result has been able to do many great and noble things for the Institute and to increase its well-known stand. One of our fondest dreams is to do more for our beloved *alma mater* than any class has ever done. Its realization seems likely, for surely we have already equalled in achievement any class that has gone before; in our first class year we can scarcely fail to attain a height whose summit will not be reached for many a long year.

The division of the battalion into six companies instead of four has given several of our clean-sleeved classmates opportunity to wear honors no less deservingly than proudly. In academic work we have shown 1911 to be an extraordinary class; it still has over fifty members, and has dropped very few men because of deficiencies.

In athletics we have tried hard, but ill luck seems to have dogged our footsteps. No sooner does a 1911 man work up and win prominence on one of the teams than misfortune overtakes him and he must either resign or drop back to strengthen the athletic representation of the class below. We must acknowledge that we have in this way gained several good athletes. At present we have three men on the football team and one on the basket-ball team. In these two, as well as in baseball, 1911 has many hard workers on the scrubs.

The time for us to take over the reins of government has arrived; a few more days, and we enter upon our period of control of the destinies of the Institute. It is with a full realization of responsibility that we approach this task; it is no light one, and will tax our powers to the utmost. We can, however, read the pages of the past and find abundant augury for success by applying to it the perseverance and energy which have brought us unseathed thus far toward our diplomas.

HISTORIAN, '11.

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History of Class of 1912



Again the year has gone around to the time when the chronicles of the noble Class of 1912 are to be recorded in black and white in order that our zealous alumni and the world at large may see the character of some of the future graduates of V. M. I.

Early September found the greater part of us back fresh with the pleasant memories of the only-too-short summer and entirely recovered from the torments and tortures of our rat year. Then, as soon as we had put on our uniform, we were imbued with the

spirit of the high and much-despised third classmen.

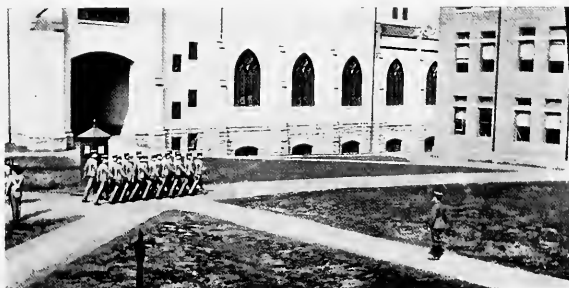
The first weeks were stormy ones, indeed, filled with all kinds of threats from our over-righteous first class friends in which all (both privates and officers) took it upon themselves to act as secret O. D.'s and pry into our



affairs. The authorities too early began to place unheard-of restrictions upon us. We were not allowed in the East wing of barracks and the rats were given a large suite of rooms to themselves. Valets were being ordered for them when we were forced to give in and save a classmate from permanent dismissal.

All things must have an end, however, so when the new commandant arrived peace was established and one by one the safeguards were removed from around the rats, thereby giving us a little freedom.

There are many little happenings which might be mentioned, but one I am forced to write briefly. One frosty Sunday morning "Old George" was found appropriately bedecked in a new suit of maroon and white, the colors of '12, and at the base of the statue a large question mark was painted. Mystery filled the air, but it soon leaked out that the besmeared clothes left to puzzle the officials had names in them. The rest can be easily surmised, for



during church that day two of the Class of 1912 prayed unusually hard to the tune of rags and water that the clothes of the American founder be restored to their natural color.

The Class has throughout its third class year stuck together and had no disagreements worthy of mention. It has done well by the school and promises to raise the standing of old V. M. I. in the estimation of the rest of the world during the remainder of its stay here. Our conduct has been remarkable for a third class and I think I may say with no intention to boast that we should be (and I believe we are) highly esteemed by the faculty in general.

A number of good men were lost at the beginning of the year and again at mid-year exams a few more left us; still the fellows who now represent the Class of 1912 are the same congenial set that suffered together as rats and yearn to graduate together from the Virginia Military Institute in June of 1912.

In athletics it has been most ably represented, having in Moseley and McEntee, captains of baseball and basket-ball. In football there were three monogram men, one of whom was selected by "Billy" Gloth for an all-southern

half back. In baseball there are four of our class back who made the team last year, and from the number of men out for positions it looks as if a few more would make good. Also in basket-ball we have three regulars and several sturdy substitutes. So considering these are the only three branches of sport taken up here and that the class is not yet two years old, two captains and the other varsity men speak well for the prowess of 1912.

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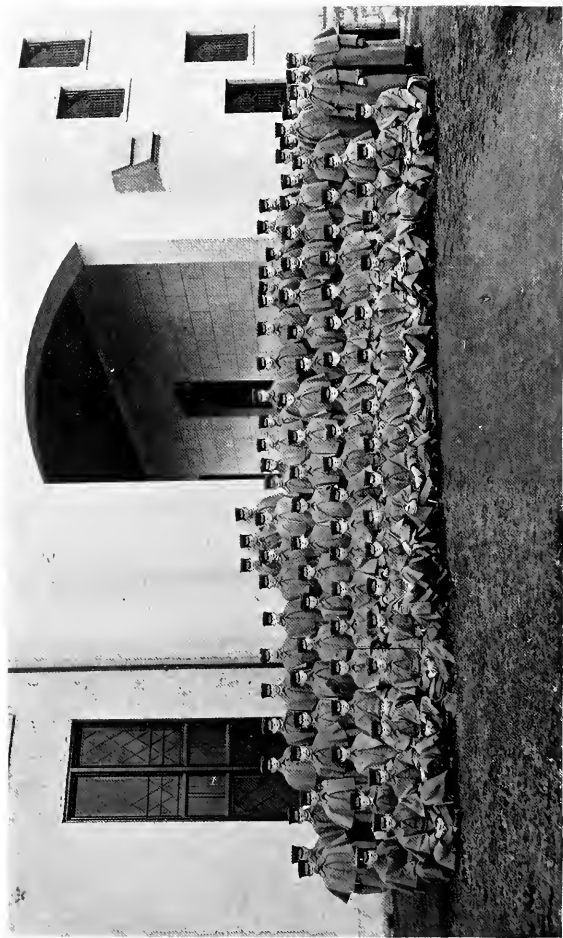
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History of Class of 1913

THE first of September, 1909, dawned clear and bright, predicting a happy future for the new "Rat Class" born with it. On this day there assembled in the historic old town of Lexington "rats" from all parts of the country: big rats, little rats, lean rats, brawny rats: in fact, rats of every description except as to color. This was of a decided green. For several days the superintendent's office was crowded with "rats," until finally '13 matriculated with 108 men well worthy to keep up the long-standing dignity and record of V. M. I.

Well do we remember the first two weeks of our "rat" life: our football games with buckets of water, our nightly parades in dykes not prescribed in the rules and regulations, and, last but by no means least, our difficulty in



learning to keep step and to drill, not to mention many other such difficulties over which we were helped by the fatherly advice and persuasion of the third class.

Our pride at taking part in parade, in our glittering brass buttons and new coatees can easily be imagined, but even this was considerably reduced, when it came to be an everyday occurrence, and the climax was reached when we—I might add, in obedience to certain instructions—had one after "taps." We enjoyed this very much, until we were put in arrest for creating disturbances, and our emotions and fears can easily be realized, for it was the first time we had ever experienced such a punishment. We could see no harm in running

around the stoop in ghostly costumes, yelling and beating on water-buckets and other such articles, useful in making harmonious (?) noises. The commandant, however, was of a different opinion, and, as a result, we became members of that ancient and honorable body known as the "Tourist Club."

In athletics, our class has already shown its mettle, and promises to furnish in the next four years much of the courage, grit and determination which characterizes and brings success to V. M. I. athletics.

After examinations, through which most of us passed safely, a class meeting was held for the purpose of electing officers. Frederick B. Webster, of



Missoula, Mon., was elected president, and Thos. Worthington, Jr., of Birmingham, Ala., vice-president. With our future in the hands of these men, we feel safe in predicting a class that will in every way prove to be one of the best in the history of this institution.

In a few weeks we will be dismissed and will scamper to our homes, glorying in the trials and delights of "rat" life through which we have passed, looking forward with delight to the time when we shall again enter the Institute, but this time as third classmen.

HISTORIAN, '13.

In Memoriam

William A. Thom, Jr.

Norfolk, Va.

Died July 2, 1909



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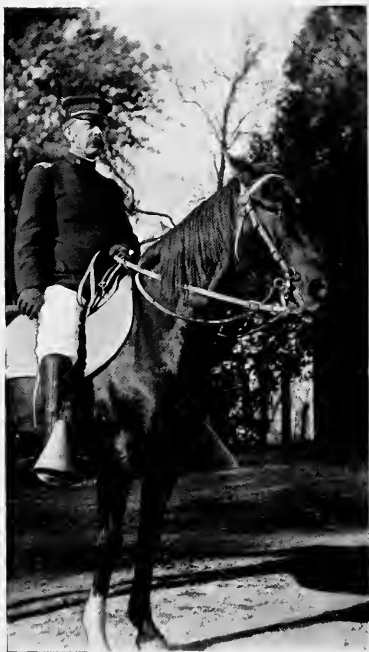
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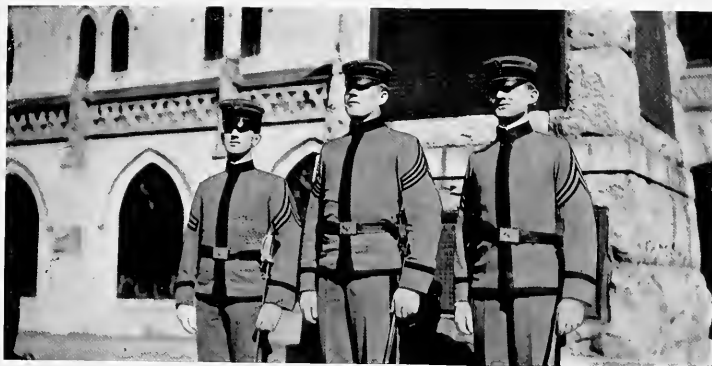
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JACKSON, W.

MINTON
FARRELL
MORRISON



CAPITOL SQUARE, RICHMOND



THE CORPS IN RICHMOND

The Richmond Trip

PERHAPS no outings are more enjoyed by those participating in them than the few which fall to the lot of the cadets. The corps usually makes at least one excursion a year, and these trips afford much happy anticipation before and much pleasant reminiscence afterwards. The ecstatic enjoyment of the actual trip goes without saying.

It was thus with the Richmond trip. When the subject was first mentioned it was hailed with enthusiasm, for Richmond has more latent possibilities than any other town in the State, and the corps had little doubt of its ability to arouse them all. The month until the day of departure dragged all too slowly, but at last that day arrived, and the corps proceeded in heavy marching order to Lexington, where awaited a special train, furnished by courtesy of President G. W. Stevens, of the Chesapeake and Ohio.

In this train the ten-hour journey, which would otherwise have been a nightmare, was accomplished easily and comfortably. At the Richmond station the battalion found the Richmond Howitzers waiting to receive it. Behind this organization it marched in column of squads to their armory, which had been set aside for the V. M. I. There the men made themselves comfortable, although truth compels us to state that very few cadets spent more than the "wee sma' hours" of two nights beneath this roof; Richmond held too many attractions for men cooped up three months in quiet Lexington. Gray-clad figures crowded the streets until midnight, when all were required to return.

The parade formation took place at nine a. m., and the battalion was formed in front of its quarters. Owing to the narrowness of some of the streets through which they were to pass the companies were divided into three instead of two platoons. The parade formed on ——— street, with the cadets and the Fort Monroe band at its head, the battalion acting as President Taft's personal escort.

It moved over the streets of the city for about an hour, at the end of which time it was reviewed by President Taft. Then the cadets were marched to the Masonic Temple for dinner. Early in the afternoon they once more formed and marched away, this time to the auditorium, to hear the President's address. This concluded at about five o'clock; shortly after the battalion was dismissed at the armory and the men departed for another night of sight-seeing.

At seven the next morning they were turned out in heavy marching order for the return trip; this was accomplished in somewhat over fourteen hours,



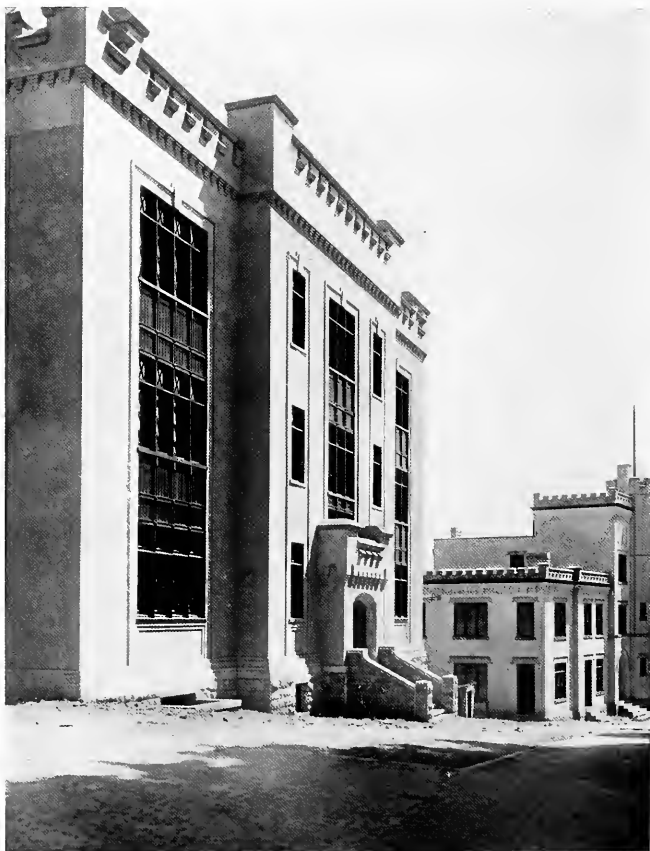
THE CORPS IN RICHMOND

as a wreck on the Chesapeake and Ohio beyond Lynchburg held up the train for sometime. Everybody, though, managed to stretch out in some way, so that all slept through the last miles of the journey. The arrival in Lexington was at one A. M.

The trip was, taken all in all, a most enjoyable one. Of course any such journey is bound to have attendant hardships; such was the courtesy and hospitality of the Richmond people and thoughtful care and kindness of our officers, that these hardships have long been forgotten, and the Richmond trip remains with us in memory as ideal.



MILITARY TELEGRAPH



THE MAURY-BROOKE HALL

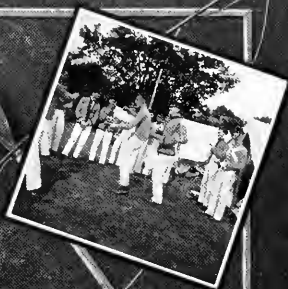
The Maury-Brooke Hall

THIS building was finished in the summer of 1909. It is a three-story structure with basement, having a ground area of about five thousand square feet. It is used primarily as a Science Hall.

The first floor contains a large lecture room, the office and private laboratory of the professor of chemistry, a supply-room, a balance-room, and quantitative and qualitative chemical laboratories.

On the second floor is chemical laboratory room for advanced students, a lecture room for the department of mineralogy and geology, a mineralogical laboratory and a museum for mineralogical and metallurgical collections.

The upper floor is constructed with a view to its use as a drafting room for engineering students.



PHOTOGRAPHY



CAMP AMUSEMENTS



1914

Camp

THE words with which it would come most natural to me to describe our stay in camp would hardly pass in print. I don't mean to have it inferred from the above that there were not some pleasant moments, but I'm afraid that they were mostly *moments*. I'll try to tell you now how we spent the hours.

We set sail from our barracks on board the good ship "Hope" on the 20th day of May, 1909. When we had been out about a day, our ship ran into a very heavy sea of mud off "Tennis Court Point," and despite desperate attempts to save her she sank. Her crew had the misfortune to escape, and they paddled about for five days before they were picked up by the ship "Examination" and borne safely to barracks again. I give the above as an example of our attempt to copy the Naval Academy instead of the Military Academy. But now let's have what really happened.

We pitched camp in the early morning, and the scene made by every tent rising by the bugle was a very pretty one. We made several trips back and forth to barracks for bare necessities, and by dinner we were settled. But before we had chance to get canvas over the floors it had begun to rain, and for five days it kept on raining with hardly a single hour's intermission. The camp was well drained, but notwithstanding this fact the streets soon became very muddy.

The object of our trip was to teach something of actual conditions in the field, and for the purpose the weather was admirable. The instruction was made impossible by the constant downpour.

Our lines, though, were not so miserable as one would imagine. We soon came to be used to the rain, and there was something going on all the time. Who can forget our show under the huge tree on "D" street? The name of the comedy was "Cleopatra," and I will leave you to guess its nature. Then there were the Marathons by the rats, the one, two and three legged races. Blanket tossing was a favorite sport, but when one or two had broken through, it began to lose its usefulness. Then the seizure of hay from a nearby barn for use as mattresses also had its attraction. One poor cadet went there to get a nice warm bed and while he was walking away, a sub came along and scared him into the loft. Imagine the cadet's surprise when the sub began to make himself comfortable on the hay at the very bottom of the ladder.



BLANKET-TOSSING



WALKING PART 4



And THE RESULT

ATLANTA

The library was packed the whole time with men who had never before read a book. There is nothing like a wet camp for making a literary cadet. And so it went for five days—rain, rain, rain. We enjoyed our stay in a certain sense, but I don't think that there was a single man who wasn't glad to hear the call for our return to barracks and examinations. By three weeks afterwards nearly all of the men had worked the mud out of their systems and clothes, and we were again spick and span for Finals.



CAMP
SCENES



SPRUE
1914



32 SET EXERCISE BUTTS MANUAL



RETURNING FROM DINNER



GUARD MOUNTING



MILITARY
SCENES



12 SET EXERCISE BUTTS MANUAL



MOVING AND SIGHTING DRILL



SQUAD DRILL



ARTILLERY SALUTE



MOVING AND SIGHTING I RIFLE

UPDELL



BATTALION REVIEW



*"FIRST AND FALL OUT"
MILITARY CEREMONIES*



AFTER S.E.I.



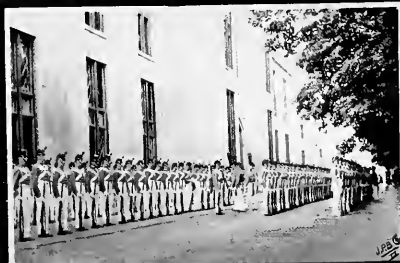
*GUARD
MOUNTING*



A PARADE IN SEPTEMBER



W.P.C.



INSPECTIONS

Summer School

THIS organization was established with the purpose of affording certain cadets, who have established academic records of uncertain value, a firmer footing on the path to diplomaland. Exactly why the location of this school was chosen as it was, cannot be stated; evidently some one erred, for it is safe to say the road leading to the Rockbridge Alum Springs has no connection with the straight and narrow path to diplomaland. The ups and downs, ruts and curves, would greatly suggest the path recently trod by the delinquents.

The value of the Summer School must not be questioned, as it has helped materially to aid many in reëstablishing a firmer scholastic record. A system of tutorage established by Major Poague proved not to be merely a preparation



for the ensuing examinations, but furnished a clear and lasting knowledge of the various topics. A competent instructor was in charge of every topic and his entire time was given to its explanation and to the efficient manner of its study. Classes began promptly at 9 a. m., lasting till 1 p. m., all members being required to observe the study hour from 2:30 p. m. to 3:30 p. m.

On the other hand life at The Alum had many pleasant features after study hours, as many forms of amusement were offered, those not offered being promptly installed by the cadets. The billiard and pool room proved to be a drawing feature, even though it was compulsory to use tipless cues and balls no two of which were of the same shape or size. Truly it is remarkable how such

a collection of pool balls could ever have been gathered, but this disadvantage lent zest to the game; it was always necessary to figure the curve the ball would take before the shot could be made. Incidentally the constant practice of curves afforded experience to those delinquent in the various forms of mathematics.



A tennis court proved to be a great drawing card to those inclined towards athletics. This, however, was generally monopolized by "Snake" and "Dal," their inevitable partners always proving more attractive than skillful playing. No back stop being at hand, little "East" was always there to chase wild balls.



The swimming pool must not be slighted in the list of diversions. Incidentally it should be placed in a class by itself—it usually was by itself. Straight from the mountains, coming from somewhere and leading to nowhere,

flows a frigid mountain brook which furnished water. A plunge is guaranteed by the Alum Springs authorities to give absolute relief to sufferers from the heat. It was great sport, though, with a bonfire close at hand, and many happy hours were spent by swimming parties.

But best of all were the nightly dances given in the hotel. Who can resist the swaying rhythm of Goldman's hand? No true disciple of Major Poague can resist the strains of the Summer School National Anthem, formerly, but erroneously, known as 'Dill Pickles' by the music-loving public.

Finally, on the second of September the session came to an end. Reluctantly the thirty-six cadets answered the call of the Institute and the days of the Summer School remain now as only the profitable and pleasant days of the past.



SUMMER SCHOOL MEN



LOOKING
NORTH

WINTER
SCENES



Co's A & B vs Co's C & D



ON NORTH RIVER



WINTER

ATHLETICS



Athletic Board

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J. A. McENTEE (Basket-Ball)
M. T. MAHONE (Gymnasium)
J. R. GILLIAM
E. HODGE, Jr.
C. C. BROWN

Athletics

ATHLETICS play a very important part in the cadet life. It furnishes an outlet for the surplus energy of the corps, which, penned up as it is, would undoubtedly be concerned in more mischief than ordinarily, a very unpleasant prospect. It is indulged in under difficulties, too, for time this is ordinarily spent in athletics at colleges is here spent in military work. For this reason, those who display the true Alma Mater spirit by trying for the teams, even if their chances of making a monogram are very slim, deserve double credit. The fall would not pass so quickly were it not for football, basket-ball shortens winter evenings, and baseball hastens the time when we all form to hear—some of us for the last time—the heart-moving strains of “Auld Lang Syne.”

A step in the right direction and one which we feel will result in the further advancement of our prowess on the athletic field, is the suspension of drill on Wednesdays, a practice which was started this year, and it has been found that dispensing with drill for one afternoon during the week so boosts up the enthusiasm of the corps for military that it suffers no loss due to the shortening of the total time spent in drill. It affords an extra hour for practice—very desirable when you pause to think that most practice is ordinarily gained between the hours of three and four in the afternoon. It also affords the corps a chance to show its members on the athletic field that if those on the side lines are not gifted enough to try for the team, they can support the latter with all their spirit.

Often spoken of and discussed is the spirit displayed by the corps, even when it is supporting a losing team. Then it is at its best, for then the cheers are the loudest, the caps are turned backwards, and the cadets close their hands on some available object in a last desperate hope. Let us hope in departing that this spirit will not leave V. M. I., but will be with it in the years to come as it has in the years gone by, and if we are ever lucky enough to come back with our sons, that we may find it then.

Several changes and suggestions have been offered by the athletic association which will probably be followed next year, even if they are not adopted this. One of these is the taking away of the right to wear class numerals from everyone and giving it to members of the varsity, scrub, and class teams; a very valuable suggestion when we think that the members of the last two organizations receive no recompense whatever for their hard efforts.

Another is the placing of the Sutler's store in the hands of some competent civilian and pursuing it as a post exchange, all money made in this manner to be devoted to athletics. It can be easily seen that this would afford a very useful source of income, and would help to place athletics on a more substantial financial basis.

Still another suggestion is that of making athletics a fixed charge on every cadet's account. This would mean no more canvassing of barracks on Friday nights and no more talks in the Mess Hall for money. It would mean besides that football, baseball and basket-ball could each receive its full share.

The first suggestion lies with the corps, and will probably in some modified form be adopted by them; the other two lie with the Board of Visitors and we sincerely hope that when it is brought up for their consideration they will act favorably on it.

For athletics in general, Captain Corse has, as usual, by his untiring efforts, endeared himself in the memory of every cadet.

The Williamson-Graham cup, awarded each year to the best all-round athlete, was given for the year 1908-1909 to Mr. Henry J. Porter, of Birmingham, Ala.







GLOTH



MECREDY

Football

ON looking back over the events of the past year, there are none so prominent nor any in which so much interest was displayed as football. Those members of last year's squad who returned in the fall, began hard work immediately upon their arrival, even before the coming of the coach, determined, it seemed, to turn out a team of which we could be more than ordinarily proud. Hard work and backbone—these are the two essentials that go to make up V. M. I. teams, and the football team of the past season was an excellent example of both.

The team was considerably weakened through the loss of Maclean (captain-elect for 1910), Poague, T. (captain), McMillen, Scott, Alexander and Porter, but plenty of new material sprung up and the vacancies were filled from a squad of sixty or more. During the whole season at least three teams were at work at all times, showing the spirit and perseverance that animate those who stand practically no chance at all of getting a monogram.

The men were very fortunate in having as coach Mr. William Gloth of the University of Virginia. His name is familiar to all the lovers of the gridiron in the South and his work at center on Virginia's team won for him a place on the all-Southern. The success of the team was due a great deal to his untiring efforts and his ability to keep the men looking on the cheery side of football—rather a hard proposition, as military life does not include much time for practice. The squad is very fortunate in being able to have his services for the ensuing year.

Immediately after their arrival, the team assembled and unanimously elected Henry Poague, of the Class of 1910, captain of the team in the place of Maclean, who did not return. This selection proved a wise one, as the team found his hard work an inspiration to them, and consequently they worked all the harder. Always in the midst of every scrimmage, he came forth from every game as one of the star players.

To mention any one player as star would be to slight the rest. Several, however, attracted outside attention by their brilliant playing. Moseley, left-half back, was selected as a member of the all-South-Atlantic for 1910. Webster also received mention for the same. Dashiell, captain-elect for 1911, would undoubtedly have won for himself a place on the above team had his playing not alternated between center and tackle.

The team was away from Lexington three times during the season, twice in Lynchburg and once in Charlottesville. The first game was in Lynchburg and was with the University of North Carolina. In this game V. M. I. was at her best and the opposing line was no match for her. The war cry, "Are you fighting, V. M. I.?" rang out distinctly after every down. A neatly placed goal from the field won the game for V. M. I. after the ball had been strongly contested in each team's territory. The game in Charlottesville was played on a muddy field and in a drizzling rain. The bleachers were filled with a crowd of students and calie, the student band (a mass of noise) and the members of the faculty. From the time of the arrival of the team in Charlottesville until its departure it never lacked some example of the hospitality of the Virginia men. While they were unable to return with a scalp, the loss of the game hurt less than that of any other game during the year. Davidson and V. M. I. met in Lynchburg on Thanksgiving. Only a fair crowd was out to witness the game which was lost to us, but which undoubtedly would have been won had the team played up to its usual standard.

On the home grounds almost all the games were victories. The hardest loss was the St. John's game. During the whole game the ball was continually in St. John's territory and several times was within a few inches of the goal, only to be lost to the other side on downs and kicked back to the middle of the field.

Due credit should be given the Scrubs for their hard work. Without them the team would not have reached its state of efficiency. Especially the members of the scrub team deserve credit, for they furnished the human wall against which the varsity battered itself into shape. Working for no personal glory but for the glory of the school, they deserve some reward, and let it be hoped that this reward can be met in the future by some monogram or class numeral.

At his own request on the plea of lack of time, Captain Corse, graduate manager of athletics, was relieved of the duty of arranging the football schedule for each year. This has been his duty for many years, and to his credit can be laid the good schedules that the football team has had. In his place Major R. B. Poague was unanimously selected by the Athletic Association to arrange the games for 1910. He has given much of his time to the cause of athletics, being secretary of the Athletic Association, and no one could be better suited to have charge of the schedule.



NALLE



DALTON



POAGUE



CAFFERY



TALIAFERRO



ENGLISH



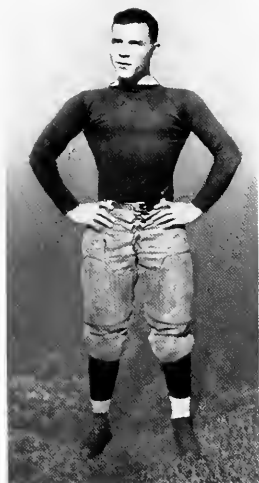
WEBSTER



MOSELEY



PATTISON



DASHIELL



BAKER



BENTLEY



KINSOLVING



YOUNG



FOOTBALL TEAM

Football Team

OFFICERS

| | |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| H. G. POAGUE | CAPTAIN |
| J. R. GILLIAM | MANAGER |
| W. S. ROBINSON | ASSISTANT MANAGER |
| W. C. GLOTH | COACH |
| H. E. MECREDY, '06 | ASSISTANT COACH |

LINE UP

| ENDS | TACKLES |
|---------------|-------------|
| TALLAFERRO | PATTISON |
| YOUNG | DASHIELL |
| BENTLEY (Sub) | NALLE (Sub) |

GUARDS

| | |
|--------|---------|
| DALTON | ENGLISH |
|--------|---------|

CENTER

WEBSTER

QUARTERBACKS

| | |
|------------|------------|
| NASH (Sub) | KINSOLVING |
|------------|------------|

HALFBACKS

| | |
|---------------|-------|
| MOSELEY | BAKER |
| CAFFERY (Sub) | |

FULLBACKS

| | |
|--------|--------------|
| POAGUE | HASTIE (Sub) |
|--------|--------------|

SUBSTITUTES

| | |
|------------|-------|
| RICHE | KARST |
| WILSON, R. | BOWE |



THE
SCENES



FOOT BALL



YEAR 14 - 1904 - COLLEGE FOOTBALL



DAVIDSON VS. V.M.I.



ON THE SICK LINE



DAVIDSON VS. V.M.I.





ST. JOHNS VS. VMI



ST. JOHNS PUTS THE BALL
OVER



ANOTHER MAN OUT



NALLY & JACKSON - KICKING
GOAL

1921



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Baseball

THE baseball outlook for the season of 1910 is very gratifying. While it is now too early to speak definitely on the subject, as the team has not yet had a chance to try its mettle, it is justifiable to think we can turn out a team above the average. The graduation of some and the failure to return of others, has left only a very few of the old men to work with—Moseley (captain), Owen A., Robertson, Chapman, Bryan, Bentley and Grove. Those lost were Grammer (captain), Scott, Beauchamp, Maclean, Gates and Young, six regular players. The large number of positions vacant has brought out a very large squad, something which would not have happened if there had been only one or two positions without regular players.

Mr. Herbert White, an old University of Virginia star, has been selected to coach the team. He has quite an enviable record, and possesses a knowledge of the game which he is able to impart to the men by words as well as by actions and ought to turn out a winning team.

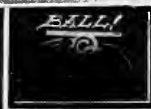
It is needless to speak of the seeming inability of the team of 1909 to win games. It was certainly not because the members did not work hard enough, for never has a harder working squad been through the Institute. Perhaps their bad streak of luck may be explained by some cadet's suggestion that the blue and white coats which they possessed was a "hoo-doo."

Yet the defeats of 1909 have left to this year's team the determination to wipe them out by hard work and brilliant playing.

The schedule for 1910 includes the following games:

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| St. John's College at Lexington..... | March 26 |
| V. P. I. at Roanoke..... | March 28 |
| Randolph-Macon at Lexington..... | April 2 |
| William and Mary at Lexington..... | April 6 |
| Roanoke College at Lexington..... | April 9 |
| Maryland Agricultural College at Lexington..... | April 16 |
| University of South Carolina at Lexington | April 18 |
| Davidson at Lexington..... | April 28 |
| University of Maryland at Lexington..... | April 30 |
| V. P. I. at Blacksburg..... | May 2 |
| Fishburne M. A. at Lexington..... | May 7 |

SPRING PRACTICE



J.P. 1911



BASEBALL TEAM

Baseball Team

OFFICERS

| | |
|---------------|-------------------|
| T. S. MOSELEY | CAPTAIN |
| E. HODGE | MANAGER |
| W. C. JACKSON | ASSISTANT MANAGER |
| WHITE | COACH |

TEAM

| | | |
|---------------|---|-------------|
| REED | } | CATCHERS |
| GROVE | | |
| ROBERTSON, G. | } | PITCHERS |
| MOSELEY | | |
| OWEN | | FIRST BASE |
| MOORE | | SECOND BASE |
| BRYAN | | THIRD BASE |
| CHAPMAN | | SHORTSTOP |
| THROCKMORTON | } | OUTFIELDERS |
| BENTLEY | | |
| BRAND | | |

SUBS

| | |
|-----------|--------|
| TRINKLE | WALKER |
| EWING, L. | |



H. N. WHITE
BASEBALL COACH

Basket-Ball

WHILE this form of athletics is really a new issue in the Institute, its second season terminated with the approval of the corps, an item necessary in every respect to the life of the team. It may not be said that the season of 1910 was successful; true the team won from one of their principal opponents and showed good form on all occasions, yet the results of several games would have unnerved many such teams. True to their training, they have taken defeat honorably and with a determination to correct their faults.

From the first the team was composed of new men, a majority having never played in a game; yet it was such a team developed under Coach Pratt's eye that administered defeat to Davidson College—a slight token in memory of a past football game. From the time the ball was first tossed the result of the game was never in doubt. Both teams played in good form and the best team won.

Probably the most spectacular game of the season was the V. M. I.-Va. game of February 28. Brilliant throwing and perfect team work was in evidence at every stage of the game. At the last second of play the score stood one point in favor of V. M. I. A foul by V. M. I. was made as the whistle blew; as a result Va. tied the score. In the additional five minutes of play the game ended in favor of our opponents.

The season of 1911 will undoubtedly be a brilliant one in basket-ball. The team will profit by its past experience and should in every way prove a winning quint.



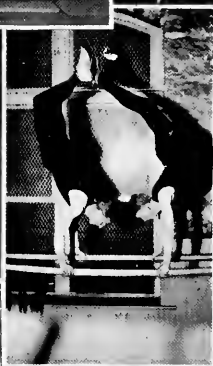
BASKET-BALL TEAM

Basket-Ball Team

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|-----------------------|-----|-------------------|
| J. A. McENTEE | (C) | CAPTAIN |
| C. C. BROWN | (M) | MANAGER |
| P. McA. BIEDLER | (A) | ASSISTANT MANAGER |
| E. J. PRATT | (C) | COACH |

LINE UP

| | | | |
|---------------|---|-----|----------|
| McENTEE | } | | |
| MECREDY | } | | FORWARDS |
| KELLY (Sub) | } | | |
| PATTISON | } | (C) | CENTER |
| CAFFERY | } | | |
| BLOW | } | | GUARDS |
| FARRELL (Sub) | } | | |
| SHOTWELL | } | | |
| SAMS | } | | SUBS |
| JOHNSON, F. | } | | |



IN
FIELD
GIMNASTOMI

1972

Gymnasium

A FEATURE of every Finals is the gymnasium exhibition on Saturday night given by the members of the team. Through hard and diligent work during the year in their spare moments and on Saturday nights, these cadets obtain a proficiency which is in some cases startling. The large and roomy gymnasium with its equipment affords them a fine place for practice. Flying to and fro suspended on rings or upside down on a slim bar, they seem as much at home as they would be in their proper position of equilibrium on the ground. The gleaming of the lithe muscles against the dark background of the suits presents a spectacle not soon to be forgotten by any spectator.

Mahone was elected captain of this year's team and by his deep interest shown in the work promises to turn out a team which will startle the spectators more than ever. The team has been very fortunate in having the able assistance and suggestions of Captain Alexander, whom all will remember as the captain of the gymnasium team last year, and who occupies the position of gymnasium instructor this year.

Among the men showing up well for the team are Johnson, F., Jackson, W. C., McWhorter, and Rhett.

They are working hard in stunts in tumbling, pyramid building, on the horizontal and parallel bars and on the rings, etc., which lines the exhibition this year will probably follow.



GYMNASIUM TEAM

Gymnasium Team

OFFICERS

| | |
|----------------------------|---------|
| M. T. MAHONE | CAPTAIN |
| J. C. TALLAFERRO | MANAGER |
| G. M. ALEXANDER | COACH |

MEMBERS

| | |
|-------------|---------------|
| MAHONE | JACKSON, W. |
| RHETT | MCWHORTER |
| JOHNSON, F. | FARRELL |
| SHOTWELL | THOMPSON, R. |
| MILLNER | McMENAMIN, P. |
| ELY | DARNELL |

Monograms

FOOTBALL

POAGUE, '10
PATTISON, '10
BENTLEY, '10
TALLIAFERRO, '10
YOUNG, '11
DASHIELL, '11

ENGLISH, '11
KINSOLVING, '11
DALTON, '12
MOSELEY, '12
BAKER, '12
WEBSTER, '13

GILLIAM, '10 (Manager)

BASEBALL

YOUNG, '11
CHAPMAN, '12
MOORE, '12
MOSELEY, '12
McMILLEN, '09 (Manager)

GRAMMER, '09
SCOTT, '09
GATES, '09
JENKINS, '09
BEAUCHAMP, '11

BASKET-BALL

PATTISON, '10
CAFFERY, '10
BLOW, '10

MECREDY, '11
McENTEE, '12
BROWN, C., '10 (Manager)

GYMNASIUM

ALEXANDER, '09

Songs

(TUNE: "Long-Meter Doxology.")
Red, White, and Yellow floats on high;
The Institute shall never die,
So now, Cadets, with one voice cry:
God bless our team and V. M. I.

(TUNE: "Laid Away a Suit of Gray," Chorus)
Old V. M. I. is out to die or win where'er she goes,
She'll forge her way at every play toward the goal-post of her foes;
She'll show her grit and never quit 'till in the dust she lies;
She'll show them all how to play football.
So "Hike it, V. M. I."

(TUNE: "Tammany," Chorus)
V. M. I., V. M. I.,
Always in to win or die
You can beat them if you try
V. M. I., V. M. I.,
Hike it! hike it!
Hike it! hike it!
V. M. I.

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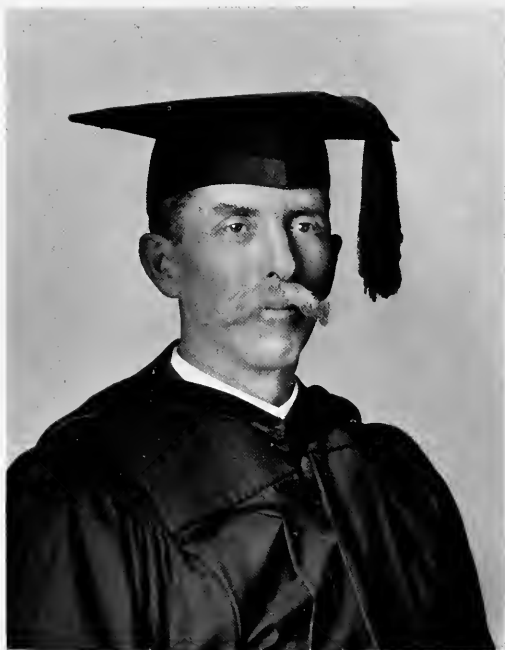
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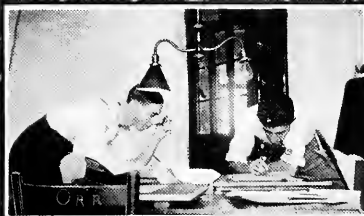
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THE first issue of *The Cadet* appeared in October, 1907, its title then being the "Keydet," in deference to local pronunciation. In response to a perfect storm of protest from the alumni, the spelling was changed to its present form. The paper was designed to meet the long-felt need of the Institute of a mouthpiece, which had been lacking since the days of the monthly magazine era of college journalism. The Athletic Association was its sponsor, and it was hoped that some revenue from it to the association might accrue. But the principal object of *The Cadet* has always been to afford the alumni a means of keeping in touch with their *alma mater*.

Although its founders suffered many qualms as to the success of their venture, events proved their fears without foundation. *The Cadet* sprang into immediate favor with its patrons, and its position is now an assured one. Its subscription lists are increasing rapidly, and it is a popular advertising medium.

It has already been fortunate enough to achieve, in part, at least, the twofold object with which it began its existence. Each year it sends in to the Athletic Board a larger sum of money—the excess, over the cost of publication, of its subscription and advertising revenues. As to its work with the alumni, its board of editors may justly boast that never has love of the Institute been more in evidence than during the life of *The Cadet*. There will be no change in the policies and ideals of the paper, and these policies and ideals will continue to operate as potent factors in an even closer union between the Institute and her sons.



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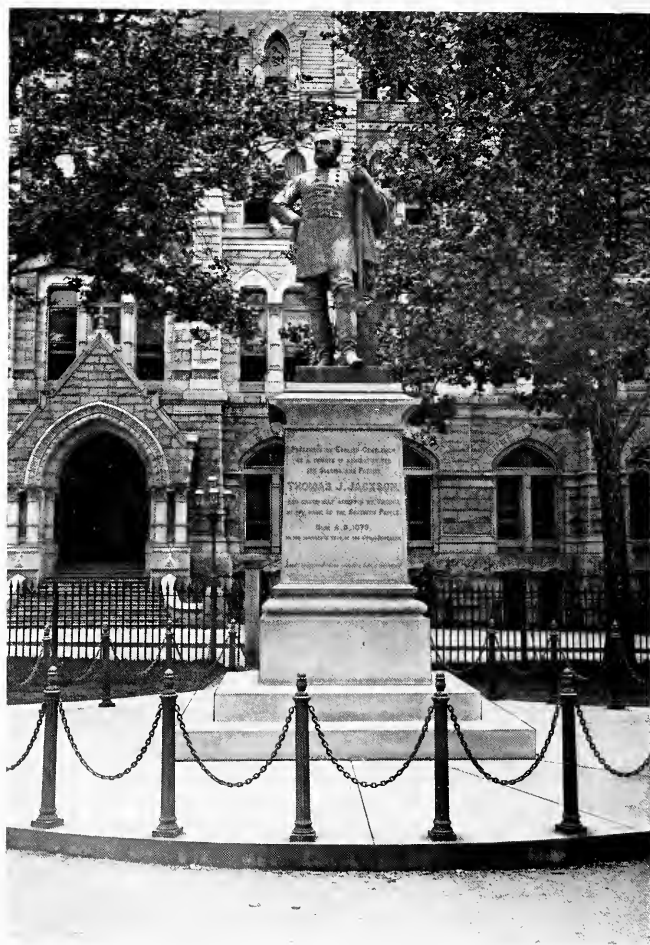
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The following letter of His Excellency, James L. Kemper, ex-Governor of Virginia, will explain the source of the endowment fund for the Jackson-Hope Medals and the conditions upon which the award is made:

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RICHMOND, 9th May, 1876.

Superintendent of the Virginia Military Institute.

GENERAL: The Honorable A. J. B. Beresford Hope, member of the British Parliament for the University of Cambridge, England, acting as representative of the association which presented to this Commonwealth the statue of Thomas J. Jackson, by Foley, has transmitted to me the sum of £243 16s. 1d., being a surplus of the statute fund, to be invested as a foundation of a further memorial of that great Confederate soldier.

By authority of the honored donors, and in execution of their wishes, I now dedicate this fund to be invested and perpetuated as an inalienable and inviolable capital, the annual income from which shall be expended in procuring two prizes of gold, to be engraved and designed as "The First Jackson-Hope Medal" and "The Second Jackson-Hope Medal," respectively, and to be bestowed annually, as rewards of merit, upon the two most distinguished graduates of the Virginia Military Institute, in the order of their distinction. And, by the same authority, it is hereby further prescribed that two-thirds of the annual proceeds of the fund shall be invested in the "first" medal and the residue in the "second;" and in the event of equality of merit and distinction among such graduates, the distribution of the medals shall be determined by lot.

It is deemed most becoming that this fund shall be dedicated to the institution of learning which Jackson, as instructor and disciplinarian, so long and conspicuously adorned, his official connection with which was severed only by his illustrious death; and it is equally appropriate that its designation shall forever associate the munificence of his English admirers with his imperishable name. May Almighty God bless the gift to the prosperity and usefulness of the Virginia Military Institute through all time to come. May its influence so

arouse the genius and fire the patriotism of its ingenious and emulous youth that future Stonewall Jacksons shall not be wanting to illustrate the annals of this Commonwealth.

If, as reasonably expected, the General Assembly shall authorize the investment of this fund upon the footing of the debts due from the Commonwealth to incorporate institutions of learning, and shall guard and perpetuate it with proper sanctions of law, it will suffice to procure annual medals of the value of \$100 and \$50, respectively, in gold.

I have disposed of the sterling draft, in which the fund was transmitted from England for \$1,344.54 of United States currency, and the proceeds constitute a special deposit in the State Bank of Virginia, bearing interest at the rate of six per cent per annum from the fourteenth day of April, 1876.

Confidently trusting that it will be the pleasure of the proper authorities of the Institute to accept this donation upon the conditions indicated; and congratulating them upon an event so pleasing and auspicious, I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant.

[SIGNED.]

JAMES L. KEMPER.

The cut preceding this article shows the statue of "Stonewall" Jackson by Foley. This magnificent work stands now in the grounds of the State Capitol at Richmond.



The Literary Society

THE oldest organization at the V. M. I.—the only one, in fact, which has survived the many vicissitudes of time since the foundation of the Institute—is the Cadet Dialectic and Literary Society. Not always under the same name, but ever with the same high ideals, sometimes refulgent in the glare of popular favor, sometimes dim in the shadow of indifference, since 1840 the Literary Society has struggled to plant the seed and nurture the growth of the delicate flower of oratory in the bosom of the corps.

In the early years of its life, the Society flourished greatly. At that time the minds of old and young alike were focussed on the great political questions of the day, and their tongues ached to launch their burning opinions at the ears of their fellow-men. Under such conditions the Literary Society offered a splendid outlet for youthful passions: it afforded an opportunity of which all eagerly availed themselves. The minutes of the Society of that epoch were lost during the Civil War, but the imagination easily pictures the heated debates they recorded.

The *post-bellum* era found conditions adverse to the growth of debating societies. The young men of the South no longer felt a lively interest in politics, and did not care to waste time in the pursuit of oratory when this talent would find no expression in their life work as engineers. The advent of the college athlete, and the widespread undergraduate interest in his prowess, goes still further in accounting for the decline of literary societies.

In spite of all these drawbacks, the Cadet Dialectic Society still exists, not in its former glory, it is true, but in a sturdy way that proves that a fulness of years does not always bring decrepitude. It cannot be claimed for it that it makes its members finished orators, but it guides their feet in the first painful steps along the path, and aids them in overcoming those early difficulties peculiar to the study of the art of public speaking. And so as long as the ability to express his thought concisely and well before an audience is recognized as a necessary part of the equipment of a successful man the Cadet Dialectic Society is assured of a staunch following.



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EVERYTHING in this vale of tears has an end, and so it is with the seemingly endless school year at the Virginia Military Institute. Here time is counted by the number of days until "finals." It is a time looked forward to by every cadet from the "finning rat" to the dignified first classmen. To every one it means a change from their present status. The rat becomes a "corp," the "corp" a "sarge," the "sarge" a "lieu," and the "lieu" a rat again in that larger school, the world.

Finals bring to us all a relief from the routine of daily duty, and it also brings the "calic." One thinks of finals as the "calic" time; "calic" at guard mounting and "calic" at tattoo. A cadet will drill and parade all day long in the very hottest sun without a murmur if *she* is watching him. It makes a sight worth drilling for, to see the parapet lined with good-looking girls, especially when one knows that there is some one looking for one. Again we see the very brightest side of finals at the dances. There we see both the calic and the cadet in all their glory, the calic with all the merry laughter and bright talk, the cadet trying to make up lost time caused by his long absence from home. The girls are the sweetest in the world, the music is good, and the floor is perfect, so why not be the happiest man alive? We have now the final german in which the dignified first classman makes his formal exit from the social life as a cadet. It is very pretty, the cadets in white from head to foot, and seemingly the girls are too. The first classman forgets in *her* intoxicating presence that his days to wear the grey are soon coming to an end. Maybe he is thinking that life outside with her is more nearly ideal than his life without her as a cadet.

At this time the battalion is seen in its most perfect condition. The spring drills have made the corps one of the most perfectly drilled organizations in the country. It has been said by one of the foremost military authorities of the day, that "the only difference between West Point and the V. M. I. is the shape of the buttons on the coatce." Many people honestly believe that at finals our battalion is the *most* perfectly drilled infantry organization in the country. Our visitors seem to never tire of seeing the battalion on parade. Around the parade ground may be seen hundreds of fathers, mothers, and sweethearts. Is it a wonder that the corps makes its best showing then? The drills start at seven in the morning and end at seven in the evening, and during the whole time the parapet holds its precious load. Then at ten a dance starts, and the cadet

"hits the hay" from about three A. M. until reveille at seven. Every one is happy, the very air seems to infuse happiness. All during the day we try to entertain our visitors, and at night our visitors entertain us by their gracious presence at our social functions.

This is also a time when the alumni from all over the world come back to see Alma Mater. We try to make them feel at home, and sometimes we feel that we have succeeded. Old grey-haired veterans of New Market fame may be seen visiting their old rooms, and reviewing their old companies. The cadets almost worship these time-honored veterans.

At the railroad station the last scene of our glorious finals is seen. Here the rat says good-bye to all with a cheery "good luck, old man," and so it is with all the under classes. But there is, nevertheless, an undercurrent of sadness to be seen with everyone. The first classman has spent his four years in the most honored institution of our state. He has done what little he could to uphold her fair name, he has fought her battles, feeling it an honor,—now he must go. Stop a minute, dear readers, and think what it means. For four long years the men of the first class have been closer to one another than brothers. Every day and every hour they have been thrown together, and now comes the end. For minutes before the train pulls out everyone is in tears. Roommates weep like children when they say good-bye, for who knows when they shall meet again? Each almost feels that he can bear the sod falling on one of the dearest friends that he has ever known. And so it is with all the cadets. They have learned to love their officers and all first classmen, and the tears will come to every one when he leaves the Alma Mater for the last time; everyone feels now that our school is our dearest possession. May God bless you, my brothers, and make every life an honor to the noblest colors that seek the breeze, the Red, White and Yellow. And good luck to you, dear classmates; may your life be the happiest one in the world.



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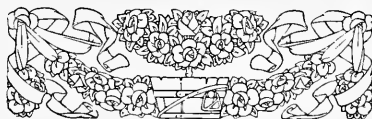
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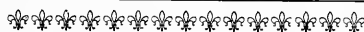


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